

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Writ Petition No. 6597 of 2020

Date of Decision: August 31, 2020

Dharminder Singh and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTALPresent: Mr. Monu Khan, Advocate
for the petitioners**Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)**

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of direction to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of the private respondents No. 4 to 7.

The petitioners are in a live-in-relationship. They both are major as is evident from their documents Annexures P-1 and P-2 and as such they are at liberty to lead their lives according to their volition and private respondents No. 4 to 7 have no right to interfere therein.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Pawan Sharda, Sr. DAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and waives service.

Considering the nature of the order being passed there is no necessity to serve the private respondents or to seek a reply from any one of the respondents.

In view of the above and without commenting upon the relationship of the petitioners, I deem it appropriate to direct respondent No. 2 to ensure that life and liberty of the petitioners is protected by providing them adequate protection after carrying out a threat assessment and as as and when deemed appropriate.

However, in case any offence has been committed by either of the petitioners, this order would not come in the way of their criminal prosecution.

August 31, 2020
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[SUDHIR MITTAL]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No